

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

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The Honorable Whitney Shepherdson, President
National Committee for Free Europe
110 West 57th Street
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Shepherdson:

We wish to thank you and your organization for the excellent help and hearty support you gave to the hearings of the Baltic Committee. Through the cooperation of your Baltic Committees, we were able to arrange an important part of our schedule of witnesses. We also appreciate the great help your committee is giving us in preparation of our report.

We are anxious to know, Mr. Shepherdson, if it is possible for you to tell us at this time, the usefulness of our hearings in connection with your radio broadcasts behind the Iron Curtain. Have you been able to observe reactions from the Communists as to the Baltic hearings.

We contemplate moving for an expansion of our inquiry so as to include other areas under Communist domination, Czechoslovakia, Poland, etc. I am enclosing a copy of our tentative amended resolution. I would appreciate your opinions as to whether or not this expansion would be of greater help to Radio Free Europe.

I am enclosing a copy of a letter I received this morning from Mr. Theodore C. Streibert, indicating his feelings with regard to Voice of America.

Very truly yours,

Charles J. Kersten, M.C.

P.S. Will you particularly thank for us Mr. Bernard Yarrow and Mr. Ernest Acker for their great help in our hearings.